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November 2, 2000

Ms. Pat Sheppard  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

**Re: Friends of Tom Byrne/Identification No. C00347501**

Dear Ms. Sheppard:

Thank you for your letter dated October 18, 2000. I was out-of-town at that time and this is my first opportunity to respond.

The campaign terminated its staff earlier this year and currently has no personnel, other than Mr. Byrne and me, a volunteer with a full-time job elsewhere, able to respond to the details in your letter. Accordingly, we respectfully request an extension until December 29, 2000 to take action and otherwise respond, except as set forth below.

The campaign has maintained separate accounting procedures for the primary and general election receipts. These are consistent with the reports that have been filed.

We were unaware of the applicability of the 60 day requirement for redesignation. We had reviewed the information received from the FEC concerning use of funds for any lawful purpose and relied thereon. We will immediately undertake the measures you suggested for redesignation and, as noted, request an extension until December 29, 2000 to comply. We lack the personnel resources to accomplish this onerous task any more quickly.

The amendments to the prior reports are in progress. Again, we believe that we can submit the revisions on or before December 29, 2000.

With respect to the identification of individuals pursuant to 11 CFR §100.12, we have made exhaustive efforts to obtain the information. Where any information is missing, it is simply because our efforts were unavailing. Under the direction of Brian Quinn, a former campaign staff member, the campaign sent letters or phone calls to all individuals for missing information. We also consulted phone, alumni and industry directories, as well as Internet sources. We believe that we have more than complied with the "best efforts" rule.